

The Humble Petition of the Citizens of Montreal to the Gentlemen and Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice in this City.

**Mr. Superior and
Gentlemen of St. Sulpice,**

WE, the undersigned, Citizens and Parishoners of Montreal, have the honour of expressing to you that we feel most grateful for the immense sacrifices that you have made and that you still continue to make daily in order to diffuse the gifts of Education in this City and Diocese; that you have lately acquired a new title to our gratitude, when without considering in the least the great expenses you have to make for the support of your College and excellent institution of the Friars' School you generously offered a splendid spot on your farm at the Mountain for the erection of a new College which would be placed under the direction of the RR. FF. of the Society of Jesus; that we regret the Fathers could not accept of the local, it being rather distant from the city.

Confident, after the important services you have rendered to this city and Parish, and considering that the Saint Patrick's establishment would unite the greatest advantages for executing the design of establishing the new College in question, would we be allowed to express to you the vows in form, that it would please you to take with the church-wardens and gentlemen of the Fabrique of this city if you think it necessary such arrangements as would suit you and the church-wardens, in order that the said St. Patrick's establishment may become the property of your Seminary, and that you may then be so good as to offer the Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus, on such a splendid local the same advantages that you offered them on your farm at the Mountain, and should the present petition please you, we hope that by generous contributions it will be in your power to erect a College that will respond to the grandeur and future prosperity of the city.

In taking that step, Mr. Superior and gentlemen of St. Sulpice, you shall complete for this City and Parish the great work of Education undertaken by you since leaving aside the Ecclesiastical and primary Education that you give with so much success, the youth of this country shall find in that establishment all the means of rendering themselves capable of fulfilling the different professions of Society in a way honourable to that same society, advantageous to your country and glorious to yourselves.

Montreal, November 1845.



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